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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 18, 1993.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2) as follows:

(Once Amended)

CM 1. A surgical suture [comprising] consisting essentially of
a [the] heterogeneous braid [of claim 1] composed of a first and
second set of continuous and discrete yarns in a sterilized,
braided construction wherein at least one yarn from the first set
is in direct intertwining contact with a yarn from the second set;
and

PI a) each yarn from the first set is composed of a plurality of
filaments of a first fiber-forming material selected from the group
consisting of PTFE, FEP, PFA, PVDF, PETFE, PP and PE; and

PI b) each yarn from the second set is composed of a plurality of
filaments of a second fiber-forming material selected from the
group consisting of PET, nylon and aramid; and

PI c) optionally a core.

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